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PART ONE(Unevaluated by D/I USAF-ONI)

EAST GERMANY------JOINT INTELLIGENCE REVIEW OF INDICATIONS OF HOSTILITIES. On 16 August, a joint meeting of US intelligence agencies in Europe considered indications of the imminence of hostilities. The following information was taken from a brief of the joint report:

1. Mobilization in Czechoslovakia is being planned on a larger scale than had been previously estimated.

2. All the divisions of the Soviet Eighth Guards Army are now believed to be in training in the Ohrdruf area (65 miles SE of Liepzig). Troop strength is estimated at 40- to 50,000. Small unit training is drawing to a close four to six weeks earlier than last year, and it is believed probable that large-scale maneuvers may begin in the near future, with the attendant possibility of combat operations.

3. Propaganda preparations for possible aggressive action in the Balkans continue at a high rate. Intensified military preparations have been observed, particularly in Bulgaria. Satellite preparations for hostilities are at a point where little remains to be done other than to receive the "go-ahead" signal.

4. There are indications that reconstruction work on airfields in East Germany has been further accelerated. This increased effort is probably aimed at the completion of the entire project by the originally planned date of 1 October, rather than as an effort to advance the completion date.

5. Observations at all but three known fighter locations in East Germany reveals that a stand-by alert of from two to four jet fighters is maintained at each of these fields.

6. Unauthorized, and in some cases unidentified, overflights of the US Zone of Germany continue.

7. The distribution of Soviet weapons to the Volkspolizie continues slowly. There is no evidence of preparation of this force for military operations in the near future.

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8. The construction of four coastal-type submarines and three cruisers has been reported at Leningrad.

9. According to a reliable report, the East German Railway Administrator has been ordered by the Soviets to submit plans showing the time and materials required to double-track five major east-west lines across the Soviet Zone. The possibility of the existence of an alert status affecting a large number of locomotives in the Soviet Zone is being observed closely.

After consideration of these and other factors, the Joint Indications Committee has concluded: An analysis of the factors considered does not indicate the probability of imminent hostilities with the Soviet Union, but the Soviet capability of launching a surprise attack continues to exist. Soviet Naval potential in the Baltic continues to increase. Political tension in the Balkans remains high.
TS 3689, 19 August - CINCAFE, Wiesbaden - TOP SECRET.

USSR ------GREEK GUERRILLAS SETTLING IN TASHKENT. The U.S. Embassy in Moscow has received the fourth reliable report that Greek Guerrillas are now in Tashkent. The latest source was unable to give any estimate of the numbers, but he definitely stated that the guerrillas are being integrated into the economy of the city.
CAF IN 6133 - 18 August - SANA, Moscow - SECRET.

CHINA------GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN FUKIEN PROVINCE. To allieviate rice shortage in Fukien Provience, Communist troops and rice carriers numbering about 5,000 were dispatched to Tatien (approximately 110 miles WSW of Foochow) to collect rice and carry it to Yungchung (approximately 40 miles SE of Tatien). The troops carrying rice were on foot.

Among the rice carriers were several disguised anti-Communist guerrillas. On the morning of 14 August 1950, while the group was resting, the guerrillas, with outside help, attacked the convoy, killed the Communist soldiers and all known Communists among the rice carriers. The rice was returned to the persons from whom it was seized.

On 15 August, the Communists sent 500 well armed troops to capture and destroy the guerrillas. The Communists were ambushed by the guerrilla force which killed or wounded approximately 300 and captured 100 Communists; the remaining 100 escaped. The captured Communists were later killed by the enraged population of Tatien.

The Communists are believed to be preparing a large force to enter the area and avenge the massacre of the ambushed Communists. Civilians and guerrillas in the area have been ordered to flee to the mountains and destroy the bridges and roads leading to the area.
CAF IN 6314 - 19 August - CIA, Washington - SECRET.

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CHINA----CNAF REPORTS ON COMMUNIST AIR AND SEA DEVELOPMENTS. The Chinese Nationalist Air Force A-2 reports:

1. The 24 TU-2 light bombers that arrived in China on 7 August are expected to continue south to the nearly completed airfields in the Amoy-Foochow area after a short training period at Nanking.

2. Foochow airfield has a new 1600 x 300 ft. parking ramp.

3. The runway di ensions at Amoy airfield are reported to be 5,800 x 180 ft and 4000 x 130 ft.

4. Approximately 3,000 junks were located along the mainland coast opposite Taiwan last week. Three hundred motorized junks were sighted near Foochow. Amphibious training may be in progress.

5. On 9 and 10 August three unidentified submarines were sighted off Ma-Tsu Island near Foochow.
CAF IN 6203 - 19 August - U.S. Air., Taipei - CONFIDENTIAL.

PART TWO (Preliminary evaluation by D/I USAF-ONI)

USSR----SOME RESERVISTS PROBABLY BEING RECALLED. For the second time within a week, groups of men in civilian dress have been reported being moved from Moscow. On 19 August, a U.S. Embassy Officer, Moscow, reported observing a total of approximately one thousand men in civilian dress scattered in and around thirty-two boxcars in the marshalling yards in northeast Moscow. The ages of these men were estimated to be 25 to 32, "none older or younger." Some of the men wore pieces of old uniforms. They were escorted by military personnel wearing artillery and infantry insignia.

The reporting officer comments that the possibility exists that these men are not reservists being called to active duty, but are a labor force being dispatched to a military construction project or to a harvesting area. Embassy servants and the Embassy's few remaining Russian contacts have not reported any individuals being recalled into military service.
CAF IN 6240 - 19 August - AMILAT - Moscow. SECRET.

D/I, USAF COMMENT: This collection of men could indicate (1) movement of a military labor force, (2) induction of a new class, or (3) call-up of some reservists. If this group of men were a labor force, it is believed that many older and younger men would be included in the group. The age of this group, specifically estimated to be from 25 to 32, and the fact that some of these men wore pieces of military clothing, clearly indicates that these men were not new inductees. Furthermore, their ages tend to place them in a reservist category. It is believed that these men were reservists being re-inducted into military service. The scale of this probable recall of reservists cannot as yet be determined.

CHINA---A usually reliable source states that three Chinese Communist fighter groups are stationed in Canton. Eighty-one twin-engine fighters are said to be stationed at Ching Tai, a new airfield near White Cloud airfield. Forty-five aircraft arrived on 8 and 9 August and were uncrated and assembled on 15 August. Forty of the eighty-one aircraft have Chinese crews, the other forty-one being without crews as of 15 August.
CAF IN 6312 - 19 August - CIA, Washington - SECRET

D/I, USAF COMMENT: Airfields in the Canton area have previously been reported as possibly being developed into bomber bases. At least 36 twin-engine aircraft, believed to be bombers, are already reportedly based at Tien Ho and White Cloud airfields near Canton. The 81 twin-engine aircraft reported at Ching Tai airfield may also be bomber types, possibly TU-2's. In any event, it is now fairly evident that Canton, with its network of three airfields and its favorable location practically equi-distant from Taiwan and Indo-China, is the center of considerable Chinese Communist air activity. While the possibility is definitely not excluded that Canton is being developed as a major bomber base, it is also possible that the three airfields in the vicinity of Canton are employed as staging areas and assembly points for aircraft arriving from the north.

CHINA---SOVIET SUBMARINES FROM BALTIC FLEET REPORTEDLY PATROLLING COAST. According to a usually reliable source, six submarines of the Soviet Baltic Fleet arrived at Swatow and Amoy from Vladivostok on 11 August. It is not certain that the submarines are from the Baltic Fleet, but it is believed that a Soviet submarine patrol of the China coast probably exists.
CAF IN 6315 - 19 August - CIA, Washington - SECRET.

D/I, USAF COMMENT: This report tends to confirm the statement made on 18 August by the Joint Indications Committee in Europe that "recent transfers of naval units from the Baltic to the . . . . Far East indicate the Soviet requirement for naval reinforcement." (TOP SECRET)